harassment as also to inspire public confidence in police, prompt and strict deterrent action is taken against the policemen found involved in such lapses. This includes registration of criminal cases against them, suspension, initiation of departmental proceedings, summary dismissal in serious cases, etc. Delhi Police also maintain a close watch over officers of doubtful integrity.

Proposal to join the Interpol Communications Network

824. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to join the In

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith likely benefit emerging out of it;

(c) whether a final decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented;

(e) whether the Interpol is likely to develop a new criminal information system by including a variety of subjects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (f) A decision has been taken to join the Interpol Tele-communication Network which is based on the X-400 protocol. This is an exclusive network which can be accessed by only Interpol member countries and Interpol General Secretariat. The network will allow data and images to be passed between member countries themselves and with Interpol General Secretariat. There will also be provision for online encryption of the communication. It is likely to be implemented by the and of the corrent year.

The Interpol General Secretariat ahs a programme to develop a new Criminal Information System. The main technical advantage of the new system will be the introduction of intelligent consultation software. The following subjects are proposed to be developed over the next five years:— (i) Money Laundering, (ii) Credit Cards, (iii) Stolen Passports, (iv) Identity Document, (v) Cheques, (vi) Address Book and (vii) Paedophilia.

Terrorist activities in North-Eastern region.

825. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a marked spurt in terrorist activities and killings by the ultras of North-East region in recent past especially during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the circumstances which hve led to this situation; and

(c) what is the strategy of Government to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Certain States in the North-Eastern Region have varying degrees of militancy and terrorism. It cannot be said that there is a marked spurt in terrorist activities and killings in recent past. The Government have adopted a multi pronged strategy to tide over . the situation which includes, *inter-alia,* offer of unconditional talks, deployment of additional units of the Central Para-Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, sanction of India Reserve Battalions, Moidernisation/upgradation of State